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Office of the Commander

Mr. Jeffrey F. Paniati
Acting Deputy Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Paniati:

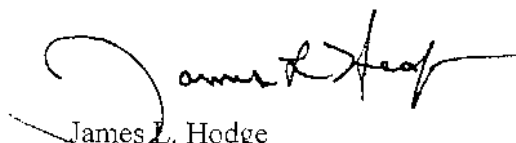
In accordance with the provisions of Title 23, United States Code, Section 210, and regulations issued by the Secretary of Transportation, and under the authority delegated by the Secretary of Defense, I hereby certify as important to national defense the following described access road at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland:

Access road beginning at the intersection of Rockville Pike and South Wood Road extending as necessary to allow for construction of pedestrian access (at grade, bridge or tunnel) between the east and west sides of Rockville Pike at South Wood Road.

The project has a defense material priority rating of 3.

The purpose of this certification is to provide for the access road improvements as described in your 20 July 2009 evaluation. This certification is made with the understanding that improvements must comply with applicable anti-terrorism/force protection regulations, and that maintenance of the access road will be the responsibility of the owning highway authorities.

Sincerely,


James L. Hodge
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding